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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the Interview conducted on
July 8, 2004:

REMARKS

We received an Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) mailed July 12, 2004.

During the July 8th Interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: N/A
2. Identification of claims discussed: 5-16
3. Identification of art discussed: U.S. Patent 6,265,495 and EP 0 989 109
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: discussed possible claim

amendments including claims 5, 6, 10, 13 and 14.

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5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Claims with further amendments more clearly distinguishing over the cited art, and the superior characteristics achieved by the present invention.

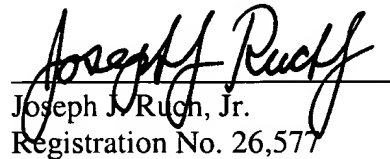
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: Appreciation for claims already allowed.

7. Results of Interview: See Examiner's comments in Interview Summary; awaiting further action by the Examiner in response to Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed August 5, 2004.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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